

**Holiday Video Greeting**

The Army and Air Force News Service video team will be at the Dragon Hill Lodge on October 15 and 16, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. See page 18 for more information.

# Seoul Word

**Base Defense**

Be advised that on Oct. 18 there will be more soldiers performing base security missions as part of a base defense exercise.

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## CINC hosts town hall meeting for Korean employees

**By John A. Nowell**

Public Affairs Officer

The Commander, United States Forces Korea hosted the first ever

town hall meeting for Korean employees Sept. 27 in Balboni Theater, Yongsan Main Post.

General Thomas A. Schwartz,

commander, USFK, stated that he wanted to clarify actions taken by the command due to the terrorists actions which destroyed the World Trade Center buildings in New York and the attack on the Pentagon, September 11.

"...let me tell you up front, these changes came on us quickly. They forced us to make decisions about force protection condition levels. We learned some things from this. For the mistakes we made, I apologize to you.

"Part of fixing some of the things we did wrong and making things better for the future is listening to our people. That's why I came here today. To listen to you and hear about some of the problems and suggestions so we can get better," said Schwartz.

The group was then given a brief force protection update followed by a question and answer session led by the CINC. Discussions included suggestions to train personnel about Force Protection Condition levels, and where possible to have supervisors in the chain of command notify employees about changes in access to post prior to workforce leaving home for work.

It was stated that Korean Service Corps employees and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army (better known as KATUSAs) could escort contractors to post. Another suggestion



PHOTO BY SGT. MAJ. MICHAEL NOVODRAC

General Thomas A. Schwartz, commander, USFK talks to the Korean employees about force protection.

was building a vehicle overpass between Main and South Posts. Schwartz said, "I agree with the idea for a bridge between North and South Posts. We will build a bridge between North and South Posts. It is a force protection measure."

Schwartz concluded the meeting by reaffirming his concern for the Korean workforce. "Thank you for coming today. I know your time is valuable and you have many concerns. And we learned a lot by listening to you. We will improve our situation because you came, because you took the time to speak out. Thank you so much," said Schwartz.



PHOTO BY SGT. MAJ. MICHAEL NOVODRAC

Korean national employees listen intently to discussion by other employees with General Thomas A. Schwartz, commander, United States Forces Korea at town hall meeting held September 27 in the Balboni Theater, Yongsan Main Post.

## Inform only those who need to know

**By 2nd Lt. Steven Phipps**

Intelligence/Security Officer, 34th Support Group

As the Gulf War unfolded before the eyes of millions, one might have wondered how could the media know when and where the military was going to attack. Who was their source? How did they get their information? That information was obtained through an apparent disregard for basic operational security procedures.

Information regarding operational capabilities and deployment intentions in the wrong hands can greatly undermine unit safety and mission accomplishment. OPSEC is the responsibility of every servicemember, Department of Defense civilian and contractor.

Army Regulation 530-1, Operations

Security, provides guidelines to follow when discussing information that might affect a unit or unit activities. It states that all information is on a need to know basis only. Many people pass sensitive information through casual conversation. Personnel must avoid casual conversation regarding military operations. Do not make any speculations about any military course of action. Direct all press inquiries to the unit/installation Public Affairs Officer.

The best way to reduce risk is to understand and be aware that others want your information and will try to obtain it in unsuspecting ways. Seemingly harmless information, combined with information sources can divulge critical data that could

endanger lives and critically impair or destroy mission success. Consider the sensitivity of unclassified material before posting it to an unclassified location. Terrorists obtain approximately 90 percent of all planning information from their intended target. For example, the high-jackers [of the aircraft that crashed into the] World Trade Center and Pentagon learned how to fly those aircraft at U. S. flight schools.

An easy OPSEC measure is to simply limit the amount of information that is available. Be sure that only those individuals that cannot complete their mission without the information are the ones that receive it. Make sure the personnel that receive the information know its [level

of] sensitivity and control further distribution.

Computer security is very important. Be sure that all computers are password protected and do not give out your password. Do not publish data related to current operations that could provide exploitable information. Check the classification of a document before you open it or send it on an unclassified media. Non-encrypted telephones, radios, faxes, and NIPRNET web sites are prime sources for divulgence of sensitive information.

No one is immune, always assume that someone is monitoring your communications. Always practice OPSEC.

### NEWS AND NOTES

**Courageous Channel Reminder**

Courageous Channel 01-2 kicks off Oct. 18 at Collier Field House and Hannam Village. Contact you NEO Warden for more information.

**AFCEA International Luncheon**

AFCEA International-Seoul Chapter 169 Officers Installation Luncheon Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hartell House. The cost is \$11 in advance and \$12 at the door. Guest speaker for the event is Lt. Gen. Daniel R. Zanini, commanding general, Eighth U.S. Army. For more information, call 723-6311.

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## 8th PERSCOM's Personnel Points

**Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Family Coverage** comes Nov. 1. The Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001 will extend life insurance coverage to spouses and children of members insured under the SGLI program. The coverage will be available to the spouses and children of active duty service members and members of the Ready Reserve of a uniformed service. Coverage will only be available to members insured under the SGLI Program. Family coverage is not available for those insured under the VGLI Program.

You may purchase up to \$100,000 of SGLI coverage for your spouse, in increments of \$10,000. However, you may not purchase more SGLI coverage for your spouse than you have for yourself. For example, if you have \$50,000 of SGLI coverage, you may purchase only \$50,000 of SGLI coverage for your spouse. Each dependent child of every active duty service member or reservist who is insured under SGLI is automatically insured for \$10,000 at no cost to the servicemember.

For details on the SGLI Family Coverage, visit the website at <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm>.

[www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm](http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm).

### Field to File Test:

Two battalions in Korea, the 2nd Forward Support Battalion at Camp Casey and the 94th Military Police Battalion in Yongsan, have just started participating in a "Field to File" test with the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center. As part of this test, the units will be electronically submitting key documents to enlisted soldiers' OMPF. Soldiers assigned to the battalions will have the added benefit of being able to access their own Official Military Personnel File on-line.

The key documents the battalion PACs will submit are NCOERs, awards, academic evaluation reports, education/training documents, promotion and service related documents, and disciplinary actions. The units are using Hewlett Packard Digital Senders, which are configured to scan and send the electronic images of the documents straight to a server in Indianapolis. Once configured, use of the digital sender is simple: the user merely places the documents in the sender and presses "N" for NCOERS, "D" for all other documents.

## MP Blotter

*The following entries were extracted from 2001 Yongsan and Area II Military Police blotters. Such entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.*

An E-3 was charged with drunk and disorderly and disobeying a lawful order by a senior non commissioned officer. Investigation revealed the service member, while in the Itaewon bar district, was observed sitting on a POV by a courtesy patrol consisting of a command sergeant major, sergeant first class and a staff sergeant, who instructed the service member to get off the POV. After the service member refused, the servicemember was apprehended, transported to the Military Police station, processed and released to his

unit. The service member is pending action by his unit Commander.

An E-4 was charged with fraud. Investigation revealed that while in a room salon the servicemember and three other people ordered and consumed alcohol and various items. After they had finished drinking and eating no one paid for items consumed, despite several attempts by the club employees to obtain payment. The Korean National Police were called and all four of the people were charged by the KNP for fraud. The servicemember was processed and released to Military Police who transported him to the MP station, processed him and released him to his unit. The servicemember is pending action by Korean authorities and by his unit Commander.

## Current Boards

Here are the upcoming Army officer promotion boards. If you are eligible, please remember to stop by your local PSB and review/update your records.

Board	Date	Zone Message
Lt. Col CSS CMD	Oct. 16 - Nov. 1	01-224
Maj./Capt. JA	Oct. 23 - 26	01-233
Lt. Col. CSA CMD	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2	01-224
Capt ARMY	Nov. 6 - 21	01-231
Lt. Col/GS14 AAC CMD	Dec. 6 - 14	01-224
Lt. Col. AMEDD CMD	Nov. 27 - Dec. 7	01-259

## EEO, sexual harassment training

In accordance with Army Regulation 690-12, Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action, all U.S. civilian employees appropriated fund, non-appropriated fund, and military supervisors who are in the chain of supervising U.S. civilian employees, are required to attend initial EEO/POSH training. In addition, employees and supervisors will attend annual refresher training thereafter.

Date	Supervisory	Non-Supervisory
Nov. 14, 2001	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Jan. 16, 2002	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Feb. 21, 2002	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
March 13, 2002	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
April 10, 2002	8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
May 8, 2002	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
June 12, 2002	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
July 10, 2002	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Sept. 11, 2002	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Training Room A, Bldg 4106, ACS building.

Registration: Supervisors must submit names of attendees, organizations and telephone numbers to the EEO Office no later than five days before date of scheduled training to [johnsonv@usfk.korea.army.mil](mailto:johnsonv@usfk.korea.army.mil) or fax to 738-4466. For more information call 738-4472.

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### Casualty Affairs

First Sgt. Dennis E. Bell of the 106th Medical Detachment (VS) died unexpectedly of natural causes at age 37 on Sept. 5 in Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, N.C. The 44th Medical Brigade, the Army Medical Department and the U.S. Army extend both sympathies and condolences to his family for the loss of a decorated noncommissioned officer, a talented soldier, a respected leader, an upstanding man, a good friend, a loving husband and proud father. he is survived by his wife, Katia, and three children.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, Sept. 9 at the JFK Memorial Chapel on Fort Bragg. Anyone with claims for or against the estate of 1st Sgt. Dennis E. Bell should contact Capt. Michele Ballister at 737-5137 no later than Oct. 18.

### Seoul Computer Club

Seoul Computer Club meets Oct. 13, 2 p.m. at the Fulbright Building in Mapo-Gu. Go to [www.seoulcc.org](http://www.seoulcc.org) and click on the Fulbright Building to find the location.

### Position Available

The American Red Cross has paid positions available for after hours duty workers. The primary duty is to provide 24 hour Emergency Communication Service between the servicemember and family back home. Applications are available at the American Red Cross located on South Post, Bldg. 4278.

### Economy Housing Leases

Military personnel and civilian employees who are supported by Area II should not sign binding rental contracts until leases have been reviewed and approved by the housing division. Leases will be reviewed for the following:

- Fair market value.
- Early Termination or "military clause."
- Favorable rental conditions.

The housing division's charter is to assist customers in acquiring good quality housing; to create a fiduciary relationship between customers, landlords and real estate personnel and to act as good stewards of taxpayer dollars. Please contact the housing division if you have questions concerning economy housing. For more information, call 738-7531.

# Be aware of FAA security requirements

**By Sgt. 1st Class Marshall Harris**

Installation Transportation Office, Area II

**Editor's note:** *The following is provided for you, the military traveler, with the most up to date information on the current FAA security requirements and procedures.*

Airports are currently at an increased Federal Aviation Administration Security Level. Current FAA security guidelines and directives give specific criteria for travelers that may pose a greater risk, and requires Passenger Risk profiling which includes random selection of personnel for inspection of bags and travel documents.

One of the "Criteria" used is "Tickets issued less than 48 hours before departure." These travelers are subject to closer scrutiny that results in longer processing time at airports. While we have been working towards issuing tickets to travelers no later than three working days before departure, we still have routine and emergency

travelers that are being ticketed within 48 hours of departure. To avoid delays at airports, please coordinate with your local travel office to ensure that your tickets are issued more than 48 hours before your departure. Travelers with "ONE-WAY" tickets are also considered high risk travelers. Travelers executing PCS travel should have a copy of their travel orders in their ticket jacket; and advise airline personnel during check-in that they are on PCS travel, and should use their military ID Card as a photo ID. While this will not guarantee "faster" processing it should help identify you as a low risk traveler.

Here's a recent occurrence: Servicemembers in civilian attire had a recent incident at an International Airport when checking-in for a flight. The airline representative asked all military personnel to step to the rear of the line. Subsequently, their baggage and paperwork were checked separately and more thoroughly than the

other passengers. The military members strongly felt that the airline representative discriminated against them for being military. Military members were not singled out for being military, but were selected as high risk travelers based on the current FAA security criteria.

With that said, military travelers will continue to meet the FAA criteria for random selection of personnel for inspection of bags and travel documents due to our historically late ticketing practices. Military travelers have no control over the payment method or the travel requirements (one-way trips), but we can pick up our tickets, in most cases, prior to 48 hours before departure. To reduce the number of incidents and to maintain maximum security, it is recommended that you pick up your tickets prior to 48 hours before your departure. This will enable you to avoid, or at least plan for delays while traveling.

## Yongsan celebrates Physician's Assistant Day

**By Maj. Anthony F. Morton**

18th MEDCOM PA Consultant

The Physician's Assistants in the Yongsan area celebrated their professional day Oct. 4 in a reception held at the 121st General Hospital. Similar events were also held at medical facilities and military installations in the U.S. Many area PAs, physicians, nurses, and other medical staff attended these events.

Physicians Assistants, commonly known as PAs, are medical officers who are trained to deliver primary and specialty care with the supervision of a physician.

The modern PAs began with graduation of four physicians assistants from Duke University Oct. 6, 1969. The PA program was developed and implemented in response to a physician shortage in the late 1960's. From this small beginning the profession has grown to 35,000 PAs in the U.S. They practice in all states, federal government and all branches of the armed forces.

The first use of non-physicians in the

U.S. was during the Civil War. The term used for the profession then was Surgeon's Assistants. The Union Army utilized these providers to the extent of making it's own branch called the Surgeon's Assistant Corps.

In 1971 congress authorized PAs for the U.S. Army. This was in response to a post-Vietnam physician shortage. The first class graduated in 1973.

Presently, there are 500 PAs serving in the U.S. Army. Most are assigned to line units, with additional duty in the local primary care clinic. The U.S. Army also trains and utilizes PAs in orthopedic, emergency medicine, occupational health [fields] and as cardiopulmonary heart lung machine operators.

There are 40 Army PAs assigned to the Republic of Korea. In addition to the military PAs, there are also several civilian contract PAs throughout the peninsula, with many being the only providers at some of the smaller posts. Most physician's assistants trained in the U.S. Army come

from the enlisted ranks, thus the motto "From the Line, For the Line." This training program provides an excellent opportunity for servicemembers to become army medical department officers and physician's assistants. The first year of a two-year training program is conducted at the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This year consists mostly of didactics. The second year of training is clinical experience and is conducted at one of the armed forces hospitals within the continental U.S.

The Army operates the Interservice Physician Assistant Program, which trains physician assistants for all branches of the military. As of October 2000, officers may apply to and attend PA school. Currently, there are 14 Army officers attending the PA program. More information about the program can be obtained at the web site: <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/ipap/frames.htm>



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**Seoul American Officer's and Civilian's Spouses Club American Project**

The Seoul American Officer's and Civilian's Spouses Club is dedicated to assisting various organizations by offering financial support toward special projects which benefit soldiers, DoD civilians and their families who reside in the community. These funds are generated by the Chosun Gift Shop. Any organization who serves the population to request assistance from SAOCSC are invited. Include following information with your request.

1. Full itemized description of project you are requesting.
  2. Description of the population that this project will benefit.
  3. Explanation of all efforts to raise funds for project.
  4. Dollar amount requested and an itemized list of how fund will be used.
  5. A point of contact, with phone number.
- Request can take up to two months to process. Requests can be submitted in writing to : American Project Chairperson Beth Bedell PSC 303 Box 27 APO, AP 96205. For more information call 736-8015.

**Health Benefit Plan Open Season 2001 For NAF**

Beginning Oct. 22 and ending Nov. 16, NAF employees will be permitted to enroll in the DoD Health Benefit Plan, increase or decrease their coverage, add or delete dental, and opt out of Section 125 pre Tax Premium Plan for the coming years. If you want to change or enroll the DODHBP, you must go to the Seoul Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, NAF Branch, bldg. 4314, room 501 and complete the necessary forms before close of business on Nov. 16. Point of Contact is Jeanny Jun 738-3630 or 738-3605.

**Essay Contest**

The Korean Corporate members of AUSA is sponsoring an essay contest for soldiers stationed in Korea. The title of the essay is "Life in Korea" and the essay must be based on the author's personal experience in Korea. Essay Length is 1000-2000 words and Oct. 30 is the deadline. A brief resume of the author must be enclosed including full name, phone number, unit, and mailing address. Mail your essay to The Korea Chapter of AUSA ATTN: Mr. Petersen PSC 450, Box 389 APO AP 96206-0389. For more information call 723-6306.

## Making differences in Yongsan community

**Brittany Adderly**

Student Intern

Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service has programs that offer free counseling for students enrolled in Department of Defense Dependent Schools. It's a worldwide service designed to aid problematic issues in and outside the school. Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service is structured to prevent occurrences before they happen.

This service allows students to speak to a qualified counselor in a private and secured setting. Students can receive counseling before, during and after school.

The Seoul American High School's ASACS is located on South Post at building S3792. Students have spoken favorably of the services provided there. Roughly 200 students have utilized the program in recent years. Parents accompany about 80 percent of the students, although they are not required to be present. Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service also works with parents.

"Sometimes kids come in a couple of times to see if things are okay. We call this screening", says Young-Hee Yoo, a counselor for ASACS at SAHS.

After the first meeting it's up to the student to remain in the program. If the student is under 15 years of age, the parent or guardian has to be notified that the dependent wants to be involved in ASACS. Anna E. Jones, another counselor for ASACS at SAHS said, "students are welcome to come and discuss anything with us. What we talk about is confidential."

Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service has four available programs: Teen Skills Building Classes; Individual Counseling; Group Counseling; and Family Counseling. These programs consist of various topics such as self-improvement with problem solving, dealing with stress or talking to others. Sometimes kids are just curious about alcohol or drugs and how they affect

someone and want to know more about them, Jones said. Many discussions may well be about a friend or family member that one is concerned about.

Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service also inspires the lifestyles of students by encouraging them to avoid or stop alcohol and drug abuse. Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service services within all DODD communities will participate in Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31.

More than 80 million young people and adults show their commitment to a healthy, drug-free life by wearing or displaying a red ribbon. This concept originated after the brutal murder of Drug Enforcement Agent, Enrique Camarena, by drug traffickers on Feb 7, 1985 in Guadalajara, Mexico. Camarena's

mission was to hunt down Mexico's powerful drug barons. What he found was a systematic conspiracy that involved not only a drug cartel, but also high-ranking officials of several government agencies. Camarena is honored and remembered during Red Ribbon Week.

Faith communities, families, schools and local businesses across the nation participate in Red Ribbon Week, which has become a symbol of hope for a drug free society.

Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services offers counseling to adolescents who may be suffering from substance abuse or the peer-pressure related to it. For information about ASACS, contact Young-Hee or Anna E. Jones at 738-6815/6816.

**"Thank you!"**

PHOTO BY MICHAEL D. SMITH

Grandmaster Tong Suk Chun, CEO and Chairman, World Cultural & Sports Foundation, (second from left), presented certificates of appreciation on behalf of various government officials of the State of California to (left to right) Col. Samuel T. Taylor III, Public Affairs Officer, United States Forces Korea, Col. Steven T. Wilberger, Commander, 34th Support Group and Area II and Chang-sin An, Community Relations Officer, 34th Support Group, on Oct. 4, for their support in the successful performance by the Crenshaw Elite Choir from Los Angeles for the Yongsan community in August.

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### Area Community Theatre

The Area Community Theatre presents a comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace* Oct. 19-20 and 26-27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Moyer Theatre, Bldg. 2259. For more information, call John Wood at 723-5721.

### SAOCS Luncheon

The Seoul American Officers', Civilians' and Spouses' Club will hold its monthly luncheon at the Dragon Hill Lodge Oct. 16 at 11:30 a.m. All members are welcome to attend. Vendors will be present. The cost is \$11. For reservations, call 736-6553.

### First Aid & Safety Classes

The American Red Cross is offering a Community First Aid and Safety class in Bldg. 4278. There is a course fee which includes textbook and all materials. Class schedules are as follows:

Oct. 15, 17	5:30-10 pm
Oct. 24, 26	5:30-10 p.m.
Nov. 10	8 a.m. -4 p.m.

For registration and more information, call 738-3670.

### PSAT Test

All tenth graders at Seoul American high School are to report to school at 7:55 a.m. Oct. 16 to take the PSAT. Student in grades 9, 11 and 12 who have paid to take the PSAT must also report to school by 7:55 a.m. Students not taking the PSAT should report to school at 11 a.m. with bus pickup beginning at 10:30 a.m. for off-post and Hannam Village residents. For more information, call 797-3666.

### National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The 18th Medical Command Health Promotion Coordinator will provide cancer awareness and breast self examination classes on the following dates and sites:

Oct. 29	Moyer Community Activity Center
	10-11 a.m. English Class
	11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Korean Class
Oct. 31	Yongsan Community Services Building
	1-2 p.m. English Class
	2:30 -3:30 p.m. Korean Class

For more information, call 737-3029.

# Open season for investment, savings plan

By Gwendolyn McCarthy

Financial Readiness Program Manager

The Thrift Savings Plan is a retirement investment and savings program/plan that offers pre-tax savings and tax-deferred investment earnings to all participants.

The first open season commences Oct. 9 when all uniformed servicemembers will be able to participate in the TSP. Servicemembers are allowed to save a portion of their pay in a special retirement account administered by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. The type of savings and tax benefits are similar to those offered in 401(k) plans. However, the TSP is not a 401(k) plan.

The Thrift Savings Plan has been available to civilian employees of the Federal Government since 1987. On Oct. 30, 2000, [former] President Clinton signed the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398), which extended the opportunity to participate in the TSP to members of the uniformed services.

It is designed to allow active duty members and members of the Reserve or National Guard to save a part of their military pay for retirement.

Servicemembers interested in contributing to TSP can submit a TSP election form, TSP-U-1, to their servicing finance, or electronically on the TSP web site [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov). Elections submitted before January 2002 will become effective the first full pay period in January.

Forms submitted during January will become effective during the first full pay period after your branch of service accepts the TSP election form. Contributions to the TSP, based on the sign-up period, will begin to be deducted from paychecks beginning

in the first week of January 2002.

In 2002, servicemembers can contribute up to seven percent of the base pay they earn each month. They can also contribute all or a percentage of any bonus or special pay they receive.

The total amount contributed cannot exceed the annual elective deferral limit established by the Internal Revenue Code. Limit for 2001 is \$10,500. It is recalculated each year and may be higher in 2002.

Finance will deduct contributions each month based on what the individual servicemember has requested. If a servicemember elects to remit all or part of a bonus to their TSP account, that contribution must be deducted by the payroll office and remitted to the TSP at the time the bonus is paid to the servicemember.

Servicemembers have to contribute from their basic pay before they can contribute from special pay, incentive pay or bonuses. For example, a service member who misses the Oct. 9, -Jan. 21 2002, open season and did not enroll in the TSP, cannot contribute his /her tax return in April. They will have to wait for a subsequent semiannual open season and start their contribution from basic pay.

When the servicemember separates from the uniform service they have the option to:

- Receive a single pay.
- Request a series or monthly payments based on a dollar amount, a number of months, or for life expectancy.
- Request a portion or all be transferred to an IRA or other eligible retirement plan
- Request a TSP annuity. Minimum amount in account to purchase an annuity has to be \$3,500.
- Leave the money in TSP. Money will continue to accrue earnings. Although the individual would not be able to make contributions, they would be able to make interfund transfers.

Uniformed members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, members of the Ready Reserve, National Guard, Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration serving on active duty in any pay status can contribute. Retirees cannot contribute to the TSP.

For more information on the TSP please contact your

- Unit Representative
- Local Finance
- Local Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program.
- Visit the TSP web site at [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

There will be two briefings on Thrift Savings Plan for active duty personnel: Oct. 18 and 22 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Moyer Community Activity Center. Please call Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program at 738-5028 for more information.



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## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Telephone Service Rate Increase**

The Eighth U.S. Army recently announced the FY02 DSN monthly telephone service rates for customers residing in government quarters and the DSN telephone service provided for unofficial business operations. The new DSN rate for customers residing in government quarters is \$24.03 and the new rate for DSN telephone service provided for unofficial business operations is \$42.52. The new rates are effective as of Oct. 1. For more information, call Bob Carter at 723-3119.

**NEO Warden Training Dates**

Neo Warden Training will be held today, Nov. 15, Dec. 11 and Jan. 18, 2002, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Balboni Theater. Dates and times are subject to change. For more information call 738-7226.

**FEHB Open Season for Federal Civilians**

There will be a Federal Employees Health Benefits, or FEHB Open Season Nov. 12 - Dec. 10. During the FEHB Open Season, eligible employees may enroll, change health plans or options, cancel FEHB enrollment, and change participation in premium conversion. Employees who wish to participate in the FEHB Open Season must log on to the Army Benefits Center at <http://www/abc/army.mil>. Employees may review the different health benefits plans by logging on to the OPM Web site at <http://www.opm.gov/insure>. For more information call 315-738-3603.

**U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel to celebrate the Navy's 226th Birthday**

Navy birthday ball will be held on Oct. 13, at the Dragon Hill Lodge Naija Ballroom. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per guest and are available from the CNFK Public Affairs Office (Room 101, CNFK HQ, bldg. 2554) between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. during weekdays. Attire for this event is Dinner Dress Blue for Navy personnel, the service equivalent for Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps personnel, and formal for civilians. For more information call 723-5115.

**Command and General Staff Officer Course**

The 4690th USAR school will be conducting Command and General Staff Officer Course, phases I and III, instruction to promotable captains and majors from all service branches. Instruction is conducted one weekend per month and begins on Oct. 13 till June 2, 2002. For more information call Lt. Col. Mike Alexander at 732-8778 or e-mail to [AlexanderW@usfk.korea.army.mil](mailto:AlexanderW@usfk.korea.army.mil).

**Middle School & Teens**

There are weekly teen meetings:  
Torch Club: Grade 6-8 every Wednesday at 3 p.m.  
Keystone Club: grade 9-12 every Friday 3:30 p.m.  
For more information call Mr. Yim at 738-4557.

**COMMUNITY CLOSURES****Legal Assistance Office**

The Legal Assistance Office will be closed Oct. 19 and 22 for training.

## Traffic accidents in Republic of Korea

By Lt. Col. David E. Sprowls

USAF Chief, International Affairs Division

Few things are as frustrating as being involved in a traffic accident. Even a minor one causes so many hassles-estimates, insurance claims, repairs. Compound these hassles by being in a foreign country and you have the makings of a major headache. As many people have learned the hard way, Korean authorities handle traffic accidents in a significantly different way than authorities in the United States. The purpose of this article is to highlight and explain those differences. Because the United States - Republic of Korea Status of Forces Agreement gives the U.S. military the primary right to exercise jurisdiction over accidents involving active duty military members operating vehicles on official duty, this article will focus on civilians and military members involved in privately owned vehicle accidents.

Fortunately, most of the accidents in which U.S. personnel are involved are minor. Even though the hassles mentioned above are unavoidable, back in the U.S., insurance companies usually will handle these minor accidents. While police may produce accident reports and citations, they are relatively un-involved and prosecutors are even less involved. Under Korean law, however, many traffic accidents-even minor ones-carry criminal consequences, as well as civil liabilities. Different laws, combined with a different legal system and different culture, cause anxiety and frustration.

Furthermore, contrary to common belief, Korean laws apply to traffic accidents occurring on U.S. military installations in the same way that they apply to off-post accidents. Even though some ROK police officers show little interest in investigating an on-post traffic accident, particularly if it is between two Americans, Korean law still applies to such on-post collisions.

Under Korean law, anyone who drives an automobile is considered a "professional" driver and is held to a very high standard of duty to prevent accidents. The Road Traffic Law provides penalties for violating these standards. These penalties range from a small fine to imprisonment. Anyone who violates any of the rules and causes damage to property of another is subject to a penalty under that law. Anyone who breaches the duty of care and causes the death or injury of another may be charged with "occupational negligence resulting in death or injury" under the ROK Criminal Code.

The Koreans also have a special statute called "Special Law Concerning Disposition of Traffic Accidents" which overrides the Criminal Code in

traffic accidents. Under the "Special Law," any driver of an automobile who has committed the offense of occupational negligence resulting in death or injury, or anyone who has caused property damage to another, cannot be prosecuted if the driver obtains a private settlement from the victim. This law also prohibits prosecution if the driver is insured by a policy that pays all medical expenses regardless of fault or agreement of parties. This "no-prosecution" provision, however, does not apply if the driver does one of the following:

(1) causes the death of, or injury upon, another and flees the scene without rendering assistance or moves the victim from the scene of the accident and abandons him.

(2) ignores a traffic signal or device, or violates the direction of a police officer.

(3) crosses the center line, or makes an illegal crossing or U-turn.

(4) exceeds the speed limit by more than 20 kilometers-per-hour.

(5) makes an illegal lane change.

(6) crosses a railroad crossing in violation of the Road Traffic Law.

(7) fails to protect a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

(8) operates a motor vehicle without a proper license.

(9) operates a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs as prohibited by the Road Traffic Law.

(10) crosses over the curb as the operator of a vehicle for hire, fails to protect a passenger from falling off the vehicle in violation of the Road Traffic Law.

Even if one of these aggravating factors leads to criminal prosecution, private settlement is a very important factor in Korean criminal justice system. If the driver ends up in a Korean court, a private settlement can make the difference between a small fine with a suspended sentence and imprisonment. Accordingly, private settlements are always encouraged. In Korea, such a settlement is not considered bribery or an admission of guilt; rather, it is a means-separate from the criminal case-by which parties settle the civil liability that arises from the traffic accident.

Another frustration for Americans involved in Korean traffic accidents is how the ROK authorities always seem to find the driver at fault. Because the driver is held to very high standards of care, the driver is almost always found at fault to some degree if a pedestrian is injured in a traffic accident. Consider the example of a pedestrian who carelessly darts in front of a vehicle that is moving well under the speed limit, and is struck because the driver of the vehicle simply did not have sufficient time to react. Unless such an incident occurs on an

expressway or restricted highway where absolutely no pedestrian could be expected, ROK authorities usually will find the driver to be at fault for failing to prevent the accident. In assessing the civil liability, a Korean court may also find the pedestrian to be at fault. Indeed, it may conclude that the pedestrian was more at fault than the driver, and may even deduct the pedestrian's compensation accordingly (except for medical expenses as no deduction is made against medical expenses). Nevertheless, just because the pedestrian was more at fault than the driver does not mean that the driver is "off the hook," the driver still may face civil liability and criminal penalties.

In a vehicle-to-vehicle accident, both drivers are held to the same high standards of care. The mere fact that one driver violated a traffic rule and a second driver did not will not automatically exempt the second driver from civil or criminal liability. If the first driver who violated the rule is injured seriously, the second driver still may be found to be at fault for failing to prevent the accident. Again, although the amount of compensation may be reduced, the second driver is expected to compensate the first driver and also may be subject to criminal prosecution. Contrary to the perception of some Americans, this "rule" is applied equally to all drivers, regardless of their nationalities. Indeed, the misconception that traffic rules favor Koreans is probably caused by language, rather than nationality. Remember, a Korean driver naturally has the advantage over an American driver because the Korean can explain the circumstances to the investigating police in a light most favorable to them; the same would be true of an American driver, who would have the same advantage over a Korean driver in the United States.

Unfortunately, some believe that Koreans have created a systemic discrimination against Americans when, in effect, the Korean system is designed to discriminate against all drivers. The underlying concept is compensation of the victim. Just 15 years ago in Korea, the automobile was viewed as an inherently dangerous machine and the ROK made laws to protect people from the dangers this machine created. While technology now may have outpaced the development of ROK traffic laws, we still must abide by the Korean legal system. Having an understanding of some of the nuances of that system may not make your headache go away, but at least you now know why you have the headache.

The International Affairs Division of the USFK Judge Advocate's office can provide additional information by calling 723-8707.

# Make your medications work for you

**By Maj. Patrick Garman, M.A., Pharm.D.**

Chief, Department of Pharmacy, 121st General Hospital

Pharmacists at the 121st General Hospital want patients in Korea to know that there is a right and a wrong way to take medications. The right way can lead to faster recovery or healing and better health. The wrong way can result in a slower recovery, adverse reactions, and in extreme cases even death.

With increasing reports of medication errors, adverse drug reactions, and the emergence of bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics, it is extremely important for patients to become knowledgeable about their medications and play a proactive role in their own treatment. This means doing everything you can to understand the purpose of your medications, the proper dosage to take, and being aware of the warning signs that the medications may not be working properly.

The need to become knowledgeable about your medication therapy does not stop at over-the-counter medications. Patients in hospitals or seeing health care providers in clinics should also be aware that there is a health-system pharmacist on staff who works with doctors and nurses to make sure that the most appropriate medications are being prescribed. They also monitor each hospitalized patient's medication therapy

on a daily basis to make sure it is safe and effective, and that any necessary adjustments to the therapy are made.

The role of health-system pharmacists encompasses more than the pill dispensing most patients think of when they think of a pharmacist. In addition to distributing medications they counsel patients directly about their medications, evaluate new medications to recommend those that will work best for individual patients, and advise physicians and other health care personnel about medication selection and administration.

They also perform critical quality checks to detect and prevent potentially harmful drug interactions, adverse reactions, and mistakes. In the hospital some pharmacists work under sterile conditions to prepare powerful and complex injectable medications.

Still other pharmacists are involved in wellness and disease prevention programs to bolster public health. Patients should know that if they have any questions about their medications while in the hospital or visiting the clinic, they can turn to their health-system pharmacist as an additional resource.

Health-system pharmacists are licensed professionals with at least five years of specialized training. They often have completed doctoral degrees in pharmacy and postgraduate residency programs that make them medication-use

experts.

Health-system pharmacists recommend that patients do the following to ensure safe medication use:

- Keep a list of all medications you take, including over-the-counter medications, dietary supplements, and alternative therapies. When you enter the hospital or are visiting your health care provider in the clinic, be sure to share this list with a pharmacist or other health care provider.

- Also keep a list of medications you can't take because of allergic reactions in the past. Upon entering a hospital or visiting the health care provider in the clinic, share this list with a pharmacist or other health care provider as well.

- Understand the purpose of the medications you are taking as well as the proper dosage and time to take them. Ask if you should avoid certain foods, beverages, or other medications or activities while you are taking any of your prescribed medicines. If you have questions about them, ask a pharmacist or other health care professional.

- Request written information on your medicines if you would like to learn

more.

- If you are experiencing any unusual side effects from your medications, let a pharmacist or doctor know immediately. Also let your pharmacist or doctor know if the way you are taking your medication differs from the prescribed directions.

- Always take all medication that is prescribed for you. Don't stop taking your medication once you begin feeling better unless directed otherwise by a doctor.

- Be familiar with the appearance of your medication(s). If you receive a refill on a prescription that doesn't look like the medication you received initially, talk to your pharmacist before taking it. Be assertive in asking questions whenever anything seems incorrect or different from what you expected.

- If you are too ill to follow these suggestions, ask a friend or relative to help.

The 121st General Hospital Department of Pharmacy provides the following services:

**Phone-in Refill**

On Post 737-7939/3276/3277

Off-Post 02-7917-7939/3276/3277

**Internet Refill Service**

Log onto [www.seoul.army.mil](http://www.seoul.army.mil) and click 18th MEDCOM Pharmacy Prescription Refill Service

**Self Care Program**

Limited Over the Counter items

NEWS & NOTES

Light Night

Alternative to Halloween will take place at South Post Chapel Saturday, Oct. 27 from 6-8:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 738-6054.

Contract Opening for English Music Director

There is a contract opening for English Music Director for the two Collective Protestant services at Hannam Village. For more information, please contact Capt. Austin at 725-6610.

New Parent Support

BOOTS-N-BOOTIES: Learn about being a soldier and a mom at South Post Chapel every third Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information call 723-7391/738-5150.  
Rugrats Play Group: Meets at Hannam Village Outreach Center bldg. #6107 on Tue. and Fri. 10-11:30 a.m. and first & third Friday at Hannam Village library.

Mustard Seed Preschool

The Mustard Seed Preschool, located on the first floor of the South Post Chapel, has immediate openings in its program for three-year-olds. Classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday. The morning session meets from 8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. and the afternoon session meets from 12:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. For more information call 738-8503.

Trouble is often a blessings!

By Chaplain (Col.) Mark Fentress

34th Support Group and Area II Staff Chaplain

Many years ago my beloved Grandmother Stella, a dedicated and faithful follower of the Lord, shared with me that “trouble is often a blessing...never forget that, Mark!” Forty some years have now gone by since she passed that truth on to me. Today I am a far wiser person because I have now experienced firsthand the liberating, divine truth that trouble is often a blessing. Indeed, disappointment and trouble are often God’s appointment to bless and grow us into a deeper, more vibrant spiritual maturity.

The Reverend Charles Allen tells a wonderful story that illustrates this eternal truth - that blessings can arise out of the ashes and heartache of trouble.

A Norwegian fisherman with his two sons went on this daily fishing run. As usual, the mother went down to the wharf to see her family off and to wish them safety and a good catch. By mid-afternoon the waves were rolling higher than usual. A sharp, brisk wind whipped little spits of salty spray into the faces of the rugged man and his teenage boys. The wind increased, the waves grew like humped, marine giants of a prehistoric day. The storm caused the little boat to toss and pitch as the three rowed

desperately to get back to shore. The fierce storm put out the light in the lighthouse on shore, leaving the fishermen dependent upon dark, groping guesswork.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen of their rustic cottage, a fire broke out. Before the wife and mother could put out the fire, it destroyed their every earthly possession, except the clothes on their backs. Finally, the father and the sons were able to row the boat safely to shore. Waiting on the beach to tell them the tragic news of the fire was the wife and mother. “Karl,” she tearfully said, “fire has destroyed our house and all our possessions. We have nothing now.”

But Karl seemed strangely unmoved by the disconcerting news.

“Didn’t you hear me, Karl? Our house is gone.”

“Yes, I heard you,” he replied, “but a few hours ago we were lost at sea, riding high waves and death seemed mighty close. Our only guide to the shoreline, the light from the lighthouse on the cliff went out. For an hour I thought death would be our lot. Then something happened: a dim, yellow glow appeared in the distance. Then it grew bigger and bigger. We turned our boat and rowed with all our might to get in the path of the light. When we did, we followed it safely to the shore. “You see, Ingrid,” he explained, “that little yellow



Chaplain (Col.) Mark Fentress is the 34th Support Group and Area II Staff Chaplain.

glow was the first sight of our house burning. At the peak of the blaze, we could see that seashore as bright as day. The same heat that destroyed our house created a light, which saved our lives.”

So you see, some of our greatest blessings can come from the troubles that we experience in our journey through life. Dare to trust God and keep your faith strong, and you will find growthful blessings, even in times of trouble.

**Prayer:** Lord God, grant us faith like a prospector that seeks the nuggets of God’s blessings from the gold mine of trouble. Bless, O God, those now in the grip of trouble and bring them to a place of blessing, victory and peace. Amen.



# Bargains, deals, savings galore found at Chosun

By Krishna M. Gamble  
Editor

After a special trip to Bali, the Chosun Gift Shop held a Tent Event Oct. 6 featuring Teakwood Outdoor Furniture. This furniture weathers all seasons according to Rae

Lamb, assistant manager.

Holiday gift ideas and decorations, linens, napkins, tablecloths, dollies, Oriental carpeting, bedding, vases, China Hutch, decorative screens, dinnerware, hand-woven baskets and other

treasured items from Hong Kong, Thailand, the Philipines and Japan were also available.

"Bargains, great gifts, some unique items- something different that you won't find in the states or you won't find in the states at these prices," said Lt. Col. Robbin Rowell, 121st General Hospital.

"There's really nice stuff here, a wide variety of things and there's always something unique, especially if you want to send it back home to keep it for yourself," said Deena Cousar, a teacher at Seoul American Middle School.

"I've never been in here, but I saw a couple of things I want to get for other people as gifts. I will be back," said Maj. Tami Strait, 18th Medical Command.

"I always find something regardless of how big or how small for whomever I'm looking for a gift for," said Nancy Page, teacher, Seoul American Elementary School.

"We have gifts ranging from \$1 to \$2 to way up the spectrum to several hundred dollars," said Anne Ley, treasurer.

"We try to appeal to everyone," Lamb added.

Located at Bldg. 4223 on South Post, Chosun Gift Shop



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KRISHNA M. GAMBLE

Holiday decorations in a wide variety of styles are available at the Chosun Gift Shop at bargain prices.

is a volunteer agency of the Seoul American Officers Civilians Spouses Club. All profits from the gift shop are returned to SAOCSC for distribution to American and Korean charities throughout

the country. Last year, more than \$215,000 was donated to these charities.

The Chosun Gift Shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday.



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Employees of the Chosun Gift Shop made a special trip to Bali to purchase Teakwood furniture such as these outdoor pieces.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KRISHNA M. GAMBLE

This Santa, representing Mexico, is just one of the many ethnic and cultural holiday items available at the Chosun Gift Shop.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KRISHNA M. GAMBLE

Other gift and decorative items such as these ceramic cats are also among the many items available at the Chosun Gift Shop.



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Patriotic pieces such as the ones shown above are always in season.



Oct. 12- Oct. 18

Oct. 12	Glass House	PG 13	Fri. 6 & 8:30p.m.
Oct. 13	Dr. Dolittle2	PG	Sat. 2 p.m.
	Glass House	PG 13	Sat. 5 & 8 p.m.
Oct. 14	America's Sweethearts	PG 13	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Oct. 15	America's Sweethearts	PG 13	Mon. 7 p.m.
Oct. 16	Jurassic Park 3	PG 13	Tue. 7 p.m.
Oct. 17	Jurassic Park 3	PG 13	Wed. 7 p.m.
Oct. 18	The Score	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

"Training Day"

Starring  
Denzel Washington/Ethan Hawke



Drama and Action/Adventure  
A veteran officer (Denzel Washington) escorts a rookie (Ethan Hawke) on his first day with the LAPD's tough inner-city narcotics unit.

MPAA Rating: R for strong brutal violence, pervasive language, drug content and brief nudity.

Rated: R

"Jurassic Park 3 "

Starring  
Sam Neill, T'ea Leoni



Dr. Alan Grant (Sam Neill) remained determined to study them. Desperate to fund research for a new theory about velociraptor intelligence, he's particularly vulnerable when the wealthy Kirbys approach him, offering money for his presence on an aerial tour of Isla Sorna, adjacent to Isla Nublar, the site of Grant's nightmarish experiences. Once fate causes them to crash on the island, he learns that it was a scam concocted by the Kirbys to get an experienced guide to help them find and rescue their son, who vanished while vacationing.

Rated: PG 13

"Dr. Dolittle 2"

Starring  
Eddie Murphy, Kevin Pollak



Eddie Murphy returns as the doctor who can talk to the animals. This time, it's Dolittle versus Darwin in the ultimate man versus nature showdown, in the midst of the animal kingdom's first labor strike.

Rated: PG

Oct. 19 -Oct. 25

Oct. 19	Training Day	R	Fri. 6 & 8:30p.m.
Oct. 20	Shrek	PG	Sat. 2 p.m.
	Training Day	R	Sat. 5, 8 p.m.
Oct. 21	Training Day	R	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Oct. 22	Osmosis Jones	PG	Mon. 7 p.m.
Oct. 23	Osmosis Jones	PG	Tue. 7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Original Sin	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
Oct. 25	Original Sin	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

Bowl Hog Wild

Don't forget to visit Yongsan Lanes this month and register to win the 2002 Harley Motorcycle. The "Bowl Hog Wild" promotion ends on Oct. 31. You can also bowl to win logoed promotional glasses and a custom Miller Viz-A-Ball Bowling Ball. For more information call Duke Bright at 723-7203.

Kangdong Cultural Festival

Servicemembers, Department of Defense civilians and family members are invited to a special cultural promotion sponsored by the City of Seoul and Kangdong District at the Amsa-dong Prehistoric Settlement Site/Park Oct. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Discovered in 1925, the site contains a model prehistoric house and two exhibition halls displaying the remains of nine excavated dwellings, tools, pottery and other artifacts. There will also be a musical performance by the Eighth U. S. Army Band. The cost is free to U.S. military ID card holders, DoD civilians and their families. How to get there:

POV- Take Hwy 88 South (Olympic Hwy). Pass Cheonho Bridge, turn left toward Amsa-dong at the Hyundai Department Store and drive straight for about five or seven minutes. Parking fee is W1,000.

Subway - Take Subway line No. 8 to Cheonho Station. Transfer to Line No. 5, exit Gate number 5. About a 10 minute walk.

Bus- Take Bus No. 569 or 959. Get off at Singchang Apartments.



## News & Notes

### National Pharmacy Week 5K Fun Run

National Pharmacy Week 5K Fun Run will be held Oct. 13 at the Collier Field House. Registration time is 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Start time will be 9:30 a.m. Point of contact is 737-7485.

### Domestic Violence Prevention Fun Run

Army Community Services Family Adocacy will sponsor a free fun run in recognition of Domestic Violence Prevention Month Oct. 27 at Collier Field House. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the run beginning at 9:30 a.m. T-shirts, prizes and refreshments will be available. For more information, call 738-5152 or 738-7505.

### Walk-a-Thon

Students from the Seoul American High School will sponsor a ten mile Walk-a-Thon Oct. 20 beginning at 9 a.m. for the victims of the terrorist attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center. To participate, make a pledge or for more information, contact Michelle Pell at 797-3667/3666 or email michelle\_pell@pac.odedodea.edu

### YS Basketball Registration

Youth Services Basketball Registration for youth ages 5-18 will be conducted now through Nov. 2. Individuals must register in person at Bldg. 4211. The registration office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A copy of a physical must be provided at the time of registration. For more information, call 738-8117.

### Women's Post Basketball Team Try-outs

Tryouts for the Yongsan Womens' Post Basketball Team will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 13 and 14 at Collier Field house. Tryouts are limited to personnel within Area II. For more information, call 738-8608.

### Yongsan Lanes Schedule changed

Sun: noon- 10 p.m.  
Mon.- Thurs.: 11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fri.: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Sat.: 9 a.m. -11 p.m.

### Old School Jam III

Old School Jam III and Dance Contest featuring DJ SUPERCEE will be held Oct. 13 at the Embassy Club located on South Post from 8 p.m. until. Admission is \$5. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Steve Williams at 019-808-4791.

### Fund for victims

1. Army Emergency Relief has established a special fund for the victims of attack on the Pentagon. Donations may be taken to your local AER office or you may mail it to *Army Emergency Relief 200 Stovall St. Room 5-N-13 Alexandria, VA 22332-0600*. Please indicate on your check that you want it to go to the "Pentagon Victim's Fund."
2. Those who desire to contribute to a fund to assist civilians may contact *The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund Suite 200, 8441 West Bowles Ave. Littleton, Co 80123-3245* and point of contact is 1-800-323-4140.
3. Classes: Emergency Assistance class will be on Oct. 17, 1p.m.- 4 p.m. at bldg S4106, Room 118-A.

# Falcons fly high as division champs

By RIB SPORTS

The Yongsan Falcons are flying high after soundly defeating the Taegu Warriors Oct. 6, 58-22.

The victory improved the Falcons divisional record to 4-0 and assured them the Korea Senior Division Championship for 2001. Taegu fell to 0-2 on the season and tied with Osan at the bottom of the division standings. The Falcons will now take two weeks off before returning to the field to play at Taegu Oct. 27.

Once again the Falcon running game proved too much for the Warriors. Junior running back, Robert Boyles, ran for three touchdowns, Markel Porter and Don Hollis added two, and quarterback Chris Glasser also had one for the offense

that scored eight times.

The defense also got in on the scoring. Cornerback Juquell Triplett, three interceptions on the day, took one back 94 yards just as Taegu was threatening to score inside the Falcon 10.

Although the defense gave up more points than they had all season the outcome was never in doubt. Additionally, the defense got stellar performances when they had to have them.

Linebacker Brandon Rogers had an interception and caused a fumble. Safety James Stillman had an interception and lineman Walter Lau had a fumble recovery for the Falcons.

Porter continued to lead all rushers on

either side of the field with 202 yards on just eleven carries. Despite being held in check for most of the game, his 90 yards coming on a run late in the game allowed him to keep pressure on Yokota's Darren Taylor who leads the Far East in rushing. The performance gives Porter 701 yards on 40 carries for a 17.5 yards per carry average and a team leading 10 touchdowns.

Boyles picked up 164 yards on the day in just nine carries and has quietly compiled 326 yards on 30 carries for a 10.9 yards per carry and five touchdowns in only three games this season. Running back, Hollis who had two touchdowns on Saturday is second on the team in scoring with six touchdowns.

# Yongsan hosts first Gridiron Greats Tour

By John A. Nowell

Public Affairs Officer

Get your favorite football, football shirt, hat and cards out and ready for autographing! Former Dallas Cowboy star receiver and Super Bowl Champion Tony Hill will embark on a goodwill tour

Overseas Service Corporation.

The Far East Tour is being sponsored by: H.J. Heinz Company Special Markets, The Minute Maid Company, Welch's, Land O'Lakes, Reynolds Metals Company, Mott's USA and Snapple Beverage Group.

The tour begins with stops at commissaries in Korea at Yongsan and Osan Air Base before going on to Okinawa and mainland Japan.

Known for his quick speed and big-play ability, Hill spent ten successful seasons in the National Football League with the Cowboys. From 1977 through 1986, Hill became a staple on "America's Team," where he performed in Super Bowls XII and XIII and six other playoff appearances.

A four-time Pro Bowl selection, Hill currently ranks second on the Cowboy's all-time list in receiving yards with 7,988. His 479 receptions are third on the Cowboys' all time list behind Michael Irvin and Drew Pearson. Hill's 51 touchdown receptions also rank third on the Cowboys' all-time list behind Irvin and Bob Hayes.

Hill lead the Cowboys in receiving yards for nine consecutive seasons, every year since he became a starter. He also

led the Cowboys in receptions for eight out of the ten years that he played. In a 1983 Wild Card playoff loss to the Los Angeles Rams, Hill set a club record with nine receptions. Hill was also a key member of the Super Bowl XII Champion Cowboys Team that crushed the Denver Broncos 27-10.

Hill broke into the NFL following a stellar collegiate career at Stanford University where he broke all of the school receiving records. In four years at Stanford, Hill caught 140 passes for 2,225 yards and 18 touchdowns, including 55 catches for 916 yards in 1975.

A native of Long Beach, Hill resides in Dallas with his wife and four children.

While on post, Tony Hill will visit the Seoul American Elementary School for an assembly style motivational talk to the post youth; participate in free autograph session at the Yongsan Commissary from 3 to 5 p.m.; visit with Dallas Cowboy's football fans at Commiskey's, limited to 50 persons, for dinner at 5 to 6:30 p.m. followed by a 'Meet and Greet' autograph session in Harvey's Lounge at 6:30 to 7 p.m.

For further information on the First Annual "Gridiron Greats<sup>SM</sup>" Far East Tour, contact Harv Harvison at 738-4056.



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of nine United States military bases in Japan, Okinawa and Korea this October in support of the Tour courtesy of Koeberle & Associates, Inc., and

# Army boxing, wrestling registration approaches

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Soldiers interested in being considered for Morale, Welfare, and Recreation all-Army boxing and wrestling trial camps must submit applications to their installation sports offices by Nov. 5. Women are also encouraged to apply for both sports.

For women boxers, the weight classes range from 95-pound featherweights to the 201-pound super heavyweights.

Weight classes for women wrestlers range from 101.25 pounds to 165 pounds. Although there has

never been an Armed Forces Wrestling championship for women, women from the Marine Corps have wrestled in the national championships.

Female soldiers will participate in both boxing and wrestling as long as they have an opponent in their weight class from one of the other services. Since the number of slots available for women is yet to be determined, all interested women should submit an application.

The All-Army Boxing Trial Camp is scheduled for Jan. 4 - Feb. 10, 2002, at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. The Army box-off will be held Jan. 22-25. The

All-Army Wrestling Trial Camp will be held Feb. 4 - Mar. 27, 2002, with the Army championships set for Mar. 1-2.

Interested soldiers must submit a Department of the Army form 4762-R, Athlete's Application, through their installation sports offices. Details are available from local MWR sports directors.

Soldiers' participation is contingent upon their commanders' approval and release. The Army sports program is a Morale, Welfare and Recreation activity of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

# USO to be renovated courtesy of Hanhwa Corporation

By John A. Nowell

Public Affairs Officer

The United Services Organization, better known as the USO, Seoul Office received a very special gift Sept. 28. Seung Youn Kim, chairman of Hanhwa Corporation, donated 500,000,000 won at ceremonies marking the start of a planned renovation to the Seoul USO.

“There are moments in life that are never forgotten; both good and bad. September 11 is a day that will live with Americans and stay forever. But out of the moment of great crisis [comes] opportunity, and in this case it gives us the chance to give from the friendship, which is two peoples who cherish their freedom, Koreans and Americans.

“Today, as a Korean, I take my hat off to the 37,000 brave American men and women in uniform on this peninsula, far from home, who stand at the front line of all that we believe in. They sacrifice so much for the fruit of our souls. So, to these men and women I offer a small token of my appreciation on behalf of the Korean people so that the facilities of the USO always provide them with a warm and welcoming home away from home.

“At a time and a moment [when] morale of the troops here is vital to the world’s security, there is nothing more important in my mind than [to] reach out to these brave soldiers and say thank you for all that they do in freedom’s name - of course our country,” said Kim.

General Thomas A. Schwartz, commander-in-chief, United Nations Command/ROK-US Combined Forces

Command, and commander, United States Forces Korea, stated that when he first met him, Kim asked the general what he could do for the soldiers. Schwartz had no idea that Kim would spearhead the effort to renovate the Seoul USO.

Schwartz said, “We talked about the USO and he told me, ‘I will help you.’ “And of course this is bigger help than I could ever believe possible.” “But, I think chairman, the way you’re helping now will touch the soldiers in a special way. It will boost their morale and it will show them just like all Koreans do everyday, that you care so much about us, and that you are such good friends.”

Elaine Losey, director of the USO, thanked Schwartz for introducing Seung Youn Kim of Hanhwa to the USO and thanked Kim on behalf of the USO for the significant contribution, which will be used in the renovation of the building. She also stated



PHOTO BY JOHN A. NOWELL

From left to right, Seung Youn Kim, chairman of Hanhwa Corp., presents an oversized check for 500,000,000 won to Elaine Losey, director of the Seoul USO, Hack Yong Pyo, president of the USO Council of Korea and Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, commander, U.S. Forces Korea, in ceremonies, Sept. 28.

that the USO is here for the American military community, but part of their mission is to increase awareness and understanding between the American and Korean people. “This we will do,” said Losey.

## Getting help for abusive relationships

If you recognize any abusive relationships, immediate help is at your fingertips

By Yvonne Kearns

ACS Family Advocacy Program Manager

In recognition of Domestic Violence Prevention Month, the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program provides the following signs to look for in an abusive relationship.

- Does the person you love:
- “Track” all your time? Interrogate you about where you were, to whom you talked and what was said?
  - Constantly accuse you of being unfaithful?
  - Discourage ties with family and friends, and accuse them of “causing trouble.”
  - Prevent you from working or going to school?
  - Control all finances and make you account for what you spend?
  - Criticize you for insignificant things?
  - Humiliate you in front of others?
  - Say hurtful, cruel things, degrade, curse and call you ugly names?
  - Get easily insulted or angry about injustices that are just part of life?
  - Blame others for problems and mistakes- the boss, you. It’s always someone else’s fault?
  - Destroy your personal property?
  - Switch from sweetly loving to explosively violent in a matter of minutes?
  - Hit, punch, slap, kick, shove or otherwise hurt you or your children?
  - Threaten violence with statements like “I’ll break your neck” or “I’ll kill you” and then dismiss it with “I didn’t mean it?”

- Force you to have sex against your will?
  - Use or threaten to use a weapon against you?
- A yes to any of these questions warrants a closer look at your partner’s behavior and your relationship. The following resources are provided:

### Reporting point of contact for family violence

24-hour access. 101 hotline from any military phone in Korea, 737-4101 from on-post, 7917-4101 from off-post.

#### Military Police

Immediate 24-hour response for family violence intervention. Yongsan, 99-797-4096 from on-post, 797-4096 from off-post. Hannam Village, 723-3471 or 728-8301.

#### ACS Family Advocacy

Prevention to include command/unit prevention briefings, parenting classes/workshops, stress management classes, anger management classes, foster care. 738-8861/3034.

#### Victim Advocacy

Crisis intervention, education, referral and support for victims. 738-8861/3034.

#### New Parent Support

Services to expectant and new parents of young children such as play groups, baby furniture lending closet, childbirth orientation and breast-feeding support. 738-

8861 or 723-7391.

#### Social Work Service

Individual, marriage and family counseling. Rape support group. 737-5508.

#### Community Counseling Center

Assessment and treatment of drug/alcohol concerns. Referrals for Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon. 736-5060.

#### Legal Assistance

Answers to questions regarding separation, divorce, custody and legal rights, 738-6841 or 738-6847.

#### Transitional Assistance

Time limited financial assistance and benefits for the spouse and children if the soldier is discharged for spouse abuse via court martial or administrative discharge, and the spouse lives separate from the soldier. Helps the victim adjust to civilian life and reduces the victim’s disincentive to reporting abuse, 738-8861.

Resources for abusive relationships		
Point of Contact	On-Post	Off-Post
Reporting family violence	101, 737-4101	7917-4101
Military Police	99-797-4096	797-4096
ACS Family Advocacy	738-8861/3034	
Victim Advocacy	738-8861/3034	
New Parent Support	738-8861, 723-7391	
Social Work Service	737-5508	
Community Counseling Center	736-5060	
Legal Assistance	738-6841, 738-6847	
Transitional Assistance	738-8861	



# Last chance for USFK personnel to make free Holiday Greeting video at Dragon Hill Lodge

By John A. Nowell

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The Army and Air Force News Service video team will be at the Dragon Hill Lodge on October 15 and 16, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. This is their final stop in Korea.

The Video Team has already visited Kunsan, Osan, Pusan, Taegu, Camp Red Cloud, Camp Casey, Camp Page and the Joint Security Area.

All military personnel and Department of Defense Civilians and their family members who are stationed overseas during the holiday period can participate in the program. Greetings must be to **RELATIVES ONLY**: No girlfriends, boyfriends, fiancés or Godparents.

Accompanied service members are encouraged to bring their families with them for the taping. Parents can pick-up the children after school and go directly to the Dragon Hill Lodge Courtyard to make their family greeting.

U.S. military personnel must

be in uniform for the video taping. The video will only show individuals waist high, so military personnel may come in civilian attire, but must bring the top half of their uniform (BDU, Class A or Class B) for the video taping. Headgear is not required.

Participants must fill-out a form providing relatives' name, city, state, zip code and telephone number. Phone numbers help ensure the relatives get to see the greeting. Family members may do greetings without sponsor, **ONLY** if the sponsor is TDY, deployed, or out to sea.

Participants can make several different greetings, i.e., one for grandparents in Kansas, another for grandparents in Florida, parents in New York, parents-in-law in California, and spouse in Texas.

Greetings can also be made in Spanish. A message in any other language must be translated into English by the participant.

Don't miss this opportunity to videotape a short personal



A military family posed for their Home Town Video Greeting for family members in the U.S. for broadcast during the holiday season. Over 500 videos were made last year in Area II during the two days the team was in Yongsan.

holiday message for broadcast on hometown television and radio stations for your family members back home.

Participants will be taken on a 'first come, first served' basis. Come early and get ahead of the crowd. Units in Area II are

encouraged to call HQ, 34th Support Group, PAO, at 738-7354 or USFK PAO at 723-7998 for additional information.

# Army not yet invoking 'stop-loss'

**By Gary Sheftick and Master Sgt. Jon Connor**

Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** - The Army has not decided to enact "stop-loss" authority to keep soldiers from leaving active duty, despite some rumors or reports to the contrary.

"We do not have a stop-loss requirement at this time," said Reginald J. Brown, assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

"There are all these rumors out there about stop-loss," Brown said. "As of this

point in time, we don't see a need for it."

On Sept. 19, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld delegated stop-loss authority to the heads of the military departments.

To date, the Air Force announced a stop-loss policy that will last one month [from] Oct. 2. The continuation of the policy will be determined at the end of the month, officials said.

The Navy [began] a limited program Oct. 10 affecting about 10,500 sailors in certain specialties.

The Marine Corps has stated it will

announce its program in the near future.

"We're studying it," Brown said about stop-loss. "It's under review."

Right now, however, Brown said the Army is at full strength and calling in the National Guard and Army Reserve for special needs has avoided the requirement for stop loss.

"We've been able to manage," Brown said. "If we had a major mobilization, that might change things," he added.

If the Army opted to implement stop-loss, officials said troops would be informed through command channels and

internal information sources first, and through the news media later.

Stop-loss allows the defense secretary, through a presidential executive order, to involuntarily extend service members on active duty. This means that service members cannot retire or leave after serving their obligatory time of enlistment.

Exceptions to the stop-loss policy allow the involuntary discharge of soldiers for criminal acts, under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or for medical reasons.

Stop-loss was last invoked by the Army during the Gulf War.

# Army Guard, Reserve units called up

**By Gary Sheftick**

Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** - More than 7,750 soldiers in 87 National Guard and Army Reserve units reported for active duty [Oct. 1-5] under the president's partial mobilization for Operation Noble Eagle.

In addition, thousands of other National Guard soldiers remained on state active duty, involved in the recovery operation in New York and homeland defense missions elsewhere, officials said.

The 48 National Guard and 39 Army Reserve units called to federal active duty this week are from 20 different states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Thirty-one of the units are military

police companies and detachments called up to augment force protection at military installations and airports.

Twenty-nine infantry units were called up, including the 1/149th Infantry Battalion from Kentucky, three companies of the 1/115th from Maryland, five companies of the 1/167th in Alabama, three companies of the 1/148th in Ohio, companies of the 141st and 142nd Infantry in Texas and several companies of the 185th and 160th Infantry of the California National Guard.

Four military history detachments were called to active duty, along with two transportation units, an ordnance company, a supply company, and an air

defense artillery command from Orlando, Fla.

Army Reserve military intelligence units from Maryland, Georgia, North Carolina and New Jersey were called up, along with several CID detachments. The First and Third Army Augmentation Detachments were activated, and so was an Army Corps of Engineers Contingency Response Unit, a special operations command element and an Army Reserve element of the Central Command.

In addition to the forces being called up for Operation Noble Eagle — the homeland defense and support to civil authorities in the United States — officials said about 30,000 troops are now

deployed overseas for Operation Enduring Freedom, the worldwide war on terrorism.

White House and Department of Defense officials said Oct. 2 that the troops deployed in the theater of operations included an amphibious ready group, about 350 military aircraft, and two carrier battle groups.

"But I want to underscore again, these are approximate numbers, these numbers change, they are flexible," said Victoria Clarke, Assistant Secretary of Defense for public affairs. "And as we can provide information that is meaningful without compromising any of the operations, we'll do it."

# Washington provides food, medicine to Afghans

**By Jim Garamone**

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** - Even before the first of 37,000 humanitarian daily rations began floating down to Afghan refugees, the United States was the largest foreign aid donor to the people of Afghanistan.

Well before the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Sept. 11, the United States provided food and medicine to thousands of refugees in the troubled land.

War and drought have combined to drop the average yearly wage to under \$800, U.S. officials said. The U.S. government provided about \$70 million in humanitarian assistance in 1997, the most recent numbers available. This is despite the fact that the United States does not recognize the Taliban regime as the legitimate government of Afghanistan. The United States also contributes to multilateral assistance through U.N. programs of food aid, immunizations, land mine removal and a wide range of aid to refugees and displaced persons.

Officials estimate that 2 million Afghans are refugees inside neighboring Pakistan. Another 1.4 million are in Iran. Millions more are "internally displaced." Counting all refugees, Afghanistan has an estimated 25 million citizens.

On Oct. 4, President Bush pledged another \$320 million for humanitarian

assistance to Afghanistan. The money will go toward food, medicine, blankets and shelter for the Afghans as the tough winter approaches.

"This is our way of saying that, while we firmly and strongly oppose the Taliban regime, we are friends of the Afghan people," Bush said. "We will make sure that not only the folks in Afghanistan who need help get help, but we will help those who have fled to neighboring countries to get help as well."

The United States will work with U.N. agencies such as the World Food Program and nongovernmental organizations to ensure its aid reaches the most needy, Bush said.

DoD will airdrop humanitarian daily rations to refugees inside Afghanistan. On Oct. 7, U.S. C-17 transport jets dropped the "culturally neutral" rations to concentrations of refugees inside Afghanistan. Culturally neutral means they are mostly vegetarian and can be eaten by members of all religions. All told, the United States has 2 million of these rations available.

The humanitarian daily ration grew out of U.S. experiences in providing aid to Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq following the Gulf War and to Somalia. Many military rations contain products that Muslims could not eat, such as pork entrees. In 1993, DoD developed the humanitarian daily ration. Modeled after

the Meals, Ready-to-Eat, the ration was vitamin enriched and supplied enough calories for an adult for one day.

The ration's yellow plastic packaging causes it to "float" down from airlifters. This stops the need to drop pallets of food

via parachute. This permits wide distribution of the rations and stops fights over the palletized loads.

Other food aid will arrive by truck or be delivered via nongovernmental organizations.

## Getting ready!



PHOTO BY JASON D. MALCOM

A crewmember readies an F-14A Tomcat for upcoming flight operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on the flight deck of the USS Enterprise (CVN 65) on Oct. 7. Aircraft are being readied for strike missions against al Qaeda terrorist training camps and military installations of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. The carefully targeted actions are designed to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a base for terrorist operations and to attack the military capability of the Taliban regime.